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Visit Go Fund Me for Mother-Daughter Trapped Under Drunk Driver's Car: Heroic Police Rescue



By Dan Murphy

A GoFundMe account has been set up to pay for the medical bills of a mother who was trapped under a vehicle, driven by a drunk driver, that crashed into a Yonkers storefront. On Friday, July 23rd, 2021 at approximately 8:30AM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to 124 Lake Avenue on a motor vehicle accident. An individual operating a 2005 Hyundai Elantra was traveling northbound on Morningside Avenue and turned westbound onto Lake Avenue.

Mirna and her infant daughter, pictured above, were trapped under car driven by David Poncurak, below, social media photo published by Yonkers Voice



While doing so, the operator struck a curb, a parked vehicle, two pedestrians, and then continued to accelerate into the storefront of a barbershop at that location. 4th Precinct Officers Fusco and Samoyedny were in a nearby bagel shop getting

breakfast when they heard the collision and went to investigate, finding a pedestrian down in the wreckage of the crash inside the barber shop.

The officers came to realize that in addition to the adult female pedestrian, her infant daughter was also injured and was trapped under the vehicle. The officers with the help of bystanders heroically LIFTED THE VEHICLE off of the baby so she could be rescued and given medical aid. The officers then rendered medical aid to both victims while requesting the necessary additional resources to the scene.

The pedestrians were found to be a 36 year old female along with her

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Congressman Bowman Visits With 2021 Hudson River Museum Junior Docents



Congressman Jamaal Bowman, center, with HRM Junior Docent Class of 2021

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers and Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman visited the Hudson River Museum on June 11 to meet with graduating high school seniors from Yonkers who participated in the HRM's Junior Docent program. 64 teens were in the 2021 Junior Docent program, which trains students to provide hands-on workshops and tours for Museum visitors. JDs become community leaders and great public speakers.

The Junior Docent Program is an award-winning, after-school youth development program that serves students (Grades 9–12) from public high schools throughout Yonkers. Extending over four years, the Program expands students' knowledge of art, science, and history while strengthening skills in communication, critical thinking, and leadership. The Program trains them to become leaders, thinkers, professionals, and contributing members of their communities. Peer mentorship and a sense of camaraderie among students are hallmarks of the experience.

One of the core components of Junior Docent training is an extensive College Readiness Series, guiding the teens through SAT/ACTs, college visits, the application process, interview and essay preparation, financial literacy for the entire family, and more. Since its inception in 1995, the Program has graduated more than 400 young adults; 100% of Junior Docents who complete the Program have been accepted to college.

This year's JD class of 2021 is going to USC, NYU, Brown University, St. John's, UCONN, Northeastern, SUNY Stonybrook, and Lehman College, to name a few.

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Spano Applauded for "Telling It Like it Is" Before Lt. Governor Hochul's Visit to Yonkers



Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, right, pictured with Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, at the Yonkers Riverfront Library

By Dan Murphy

On July 6, Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a Statewide Disaster Emergency due to gun violence. And included that gun violence is up in New York City and all the Big 5 Cities, with more than half of the shootings involving people associated with gangs or more loosely affiliated "street groups."

The Governor's first initiative as part of the rollout of his State of Emergency was to send Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul across the state to announce funding to pay for summer jobs for youth. While the youth-job program is one way to keep young adults engaged and off the streets, many believed that for Cities like Yonkers, the problem of gun violence was a much larger problem.

Included in that belief was Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, who tweeted on July 21 before Hochul's visit, that Lt. Gov Hochul "comes to Yonkers with little to offer." This brutally honest comment from the Mayor was applauded by many in Yonkers. Two of the letters emailed to us are:

"Mr. Murphy, I would like to thank Mayor Spano for telling it like it is when he criticized the idea that summer jobs for youth will solve our problem of young people with guns and gangs on the streets of Yonkers. I live in the 3rd police precinct—and the violence that we see and hear at night makes us all wonder, what is being done? If the Governor declared an emergency, then let's act like it's an emergency and do something about it," said Yonkers resident Constance Rogers.

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Twenty Two Yonkers High School Graduates Off to Serve Our Country



Twenty-two Yonkers High School graduates from the class of 2021 will be serving our country by serving in the Armed Forces. Leading this group is Saunders High School Class of 2021 graduate Treat Williams, pictured above upon his arrival at Naval Academy Preparatory School where he is training for success and service to the nation. Mr. Ken Taylor, school safety officer and Yonkers My Brother's Keeper leader, joined Treat's family for the big day.

Yonkers Rising joins with the Yonkers Public Schools in celebrating these recent graduates who have pledged to defend the United States as members of the nation's Armed Forces. We keep them and their families in our hearts, and thanks for your service.

We Salute the Young Men & Women of the #ClassOf2021

Who Will Serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America

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Henry Cerritos	Andy Rodriguez
Adrian Cooper	Cristian Ruiz
Christopher Comacho	Jonathan Martine Sanchez
Brian Dolan	Ashanti Suero*
Jack Lopes	Neil Villalobos
Junior Lopez	Treat Williams**

*Attending Community College of the Air Force
**Attending United States Naval Academy Prep School

Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac Holds Annual CP2 Tennis Camp



participants in the 2021 CP2 Tennis Camp

Today City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac recently held what has become a summer tradition in Yonkers; the annual week-long CP2 tennis camp. "It was such a treat to watch kids from the community pick up a tennis racquet for the very first time. I first sponsored this tennis camp in 2019, but due to COVID, we were unable to host it last year. I'm glad we were able to bring it back this year. I was able to partner with a talented group of individuals, including Jay from Ninja Tennis Academy based in NJ as well as the Ryu family and team. We had a total of 14 kids who participated. They each took home a free tennis racquet, an Aces for Aces CP2 tennis camp t-shirt, and a medal for their participation. Two lucky winners won 2 weeks of tennis lessons with the Yonkers Department of Parks Tennis program. We can't wait to do it again next year," said Pineda-Isaac, who recently won the democratic primary to continue to represent the 2nd Council District.



Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac handing out medal to all of the tennis camp participants

Untermeyer Performing Arts Council Presents Spiritual Worship July 31



The Untermeyer Performing Arts Council will present Spiritual Worship at 7pm on July 31st at Untermeyer Park. Untermeyer Park is located at 945 North Broadway, Yonkers.

Spiritual Worship brings the rich tradition of African American gospel music to their brass band ensemble with accompanying bass drum and cymbals to round out the sound. A gospel choir and marching band rolled into one, this "shout" gospel band replaces human voices with brass to create soulful gospel harmonies.

The Untermeyer Performing Arts Council is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to bringing free musical entertainment to the people of Yonkers. All our programs are admission free and open to the public.

This program, done in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, is made possible by ArtsWestchester with support from Westchester County Government, the City of Yonkers, and Empire City Casino by MGM. Senator Shelley Mayer, Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh and our generous supporters provide additional support for our programs.

In case of rain, our rain site this year is the Cesar Chavez School, 20 Cedar Place. If it looks like rain, please call the UPAC Artsline at 914-375-3435 after 2 pm the day of the performance.

For information, call the UPAC Artsline at 914-375-3435, visit our website at www.untermeyerperformingarts.org, or email us at untermeyer@outlook.com. For updates, check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/upac1976/>, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Instagram or follow us on Twitter.

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July 9	Jumanji: The Next Level	PG-13	O'Boyle Park - Hawthorne Avenue
July 16	Flying with Fire	PG	E.J. Murray Skating Center - Turckhoe Road
July 23	Sonic the Hedgehog	PG	Wasisko Park - Agir Street
July 30	Dolittle (2020)	PG	Lennox Park - Lakes Avenue
August 6	Spiderman: Far From Home	PG-13	Richter Park - Nepperhan Avenue
August 13	Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted	PG (Animation)	Wakefield Park - Bronx River Road
August 20	The War With Grandpa	PG	Schulze Field - St. Elizabeth's Lane
August 27	Raya and the Last Dragon	PG (Animation)	Georgia Park - Georgia Avenue
Sept. 3	The Croods: A New Age	PG (Animation)	Fitzpatrick-Tompkins Park - Bolmer Avenue

MUSIC 7:00 - 8:30 PM			
DATE	BAND	MUSIC GENRE	LOCATION
June 24	Annette Aguilar & String Beans	Latin/Brazilian Jazz Band	Fleming Field - Filmore Street
July 8	3D Rhythm of Life	Latin/Pop	E.J. Murray Skating Center - Turckhoe Road
July 15	Total Soul	Music & Dance Show Band	Trevor Park - Warburton Avenue
July 21	Reprimand	Rock/Cover Band	Bergano - Rigby Street
July 22	Carlos Jimenez Mambo Dulcet	Latin/Jazz	Pelton Park - McLean Avenue
July 29	Annette Montague	Jazz	Dunn Park - Vineyard Avenue
August 5	McLean Ave Band	Irish/Folk/Pop	Coyne Park - McLean Avenue
August 12	Larger Than Life	ABBA Mix	Untermeyer Park - North Broadway
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Yonkers Office for Aging to Distribute Coupons for Seniors for Local Farmers Markets



Yonkers Seniors can get coupons to buy healthy foods at the St. John's Church Farmer's Market, pictured above

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the Yonkers Office for the Aging will distribute farmers market coupons to qualified Yonkers seniors. The coupons will be available at the Office for the Aging Tuesday, August 3rd to Thursday, August 5th from 9am to 12pm and from 1pm to 3pm located at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Ave.

The coupons are available to qualified applicants 60 years or older that have a monthly income of \$1,986 per month or less for a one person household; \$2,686 per month or less for a two person household and \$3,386 per month or less for a three person household. Each older adult in a household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the age and income requirements.

Yonkers seniors must bring photo ID and proof of age. Coupons may be used in many Farmers Markets in Westchester County including at St. John's Church in Yonkers.

Due to COVID, this year's distribution will be mainly outdoors. Masks are mandatory while you wait online and interact with staff.

"We encourage our seniors to make use of this money-saving service that will entice our residents to get out and shop, contribute to our local farms, while enjoying the benefits of fresh, homegrown produce and products," said Mayor Spano.

The Senior Farmers Market Program is funded through the Food and Nutrition Service division of the United States Department of Agriculture and Markets in cooperation with the NY State Office for the Aging, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.

Lake Revitalization Project at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers Kicks Off Third Year With Green-Ternship Program for Local Students

Westchester Parks Foundation, the only organization dedicated exclusively to promoting and supporting Westchester County Parks, resumed its lake revitalization project for the third year at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. The endeavor is part of a multi-year project that will use a specially designed mechanical harvester to clear the ten-acre lake of invasive species.

Since the Mechanical Harvester has cleared the lake for two years, visitors can notice the difference in the species not populating as much during its grow season. Extra sets of hands will be needed this year in addition to the machine to help in hard-to-reach areas to accomplish the same result.

As a result, thirty local high school/college students will be on site for two weeks as part of a dedicated Green-ternship program at Tibbetts. Interns will work in canoes and on land hand-pulling the aquatic invasive species, Water Chestnut from the lake.

The Green-terns will also learn why invasive species are an issue for our ecosystem, the importance of stopping the spread, engage the community volunteers on-site, and meet other students interested in caring for our environment. This internship provides students an opportunity to connect and develop a network amongst each other, while serving the greater good of their local community and environment. They will also gain valuable field experience that will broaden their prospective career opportunities and build resumes for those pursuing a purpose driven career.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Tibbetts Brook Park is one of the county's most utilized parks and preserving it is important to residents who visit now and to those who will visit for years to come. The addition of the Green-terns this year is exciting as they will learn the necessary steps to care for the park and its ecosystem and in turn educate others."

The project started July 2018 and is part of a planned effort to sustain the lake over the course of the next few years, and ultimately restore it to its original state and for recreational use. The work this summer continues to be made possible by a multi-year grant from Xylem Inc, a global water technology company located in Rye Brook, and G.A. Fleet, a Westchester based water infrastructure provider. This grant is the part of a long-term partnership between the organizations whose mutual goal encompasses the health of parks and waterways. Since the clean-up started in 2019 over 9 acres of Water Chestnut was removed by the machine and 28,527 pounds by teams of volunteers, including employees from Xylem and GA Fleet.

Joe Stout, Executive Director of WPF stated: "We are thrilled that Xylem and G.A Fleet continue to support our work to revitalize the lake and to make a difference in the community. We have done a ton of work to help

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Guns? Maybe Spano is Right! And RIP Jackie Mason



By Eric W. Schoen

The visit would be accompanied by all the pomp and circumstance due a visit by the Governor or his Lieutenant to any special event in Yonkers or any other city. Nowadays with what's going on in Albany, the chances of a visit by the Lt. Governor are more probable than a visit by Governor Cuomo himself.

I would bet Yonkers Police were assigned, taking them off the street fighting crime and protecting the residents of Yonkers. Protecting us from Gun Violence. That's what the meeting was all about. For those of you who don't know, the Lt. Governor is Kathy Hochul. I've never met the woman, but she seems very nice and those I know that know her have a lot of respect for her.

However, if she was walking down South Broadway in Getty Square by herself, doubt most folks would know who she was! Her boss, well that's another story.

Around the time of Hochul's visit, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano tweeted that the lieutenant governor "comes to Yonkers with little to offer." Those are some mighty big words coming from a man so close to Governor Cuomo who I assumed sent the Lt. Governor to visit the city of gracious living. (He later deleted the tweet.)

The Lt. Governor was in Yonkers to meet with local officials and 'community leaders' on combating gun violence. Seems like they always invite the same 'community leaders.' In this case I don't think they got the list from Mayor Spano. Same 'community leaders' but sadly, the situation doesn't change much.

You would think they would have invited the leaders of the Police Community Councils in Yonkers. These unpaid folks meet monthly with the citizenry to discuss concerns in their neighborhood. Pretty sure combating gun violence is one of them. Nope. The Captains that are in charge of the precincts in Yonkers. Guess their invitations got lost in the mail.

Strangely, according to the Journal News, the meeting was closed to the press. In a way that can be a good idea so participants don't 'play to the press' to get their 15 minutes of Andy Warhol fame. Most have gotten much more than that in a week! But given the circumstances lately it seems that most appearances with Governor Cuomo or his subordinates have been press listen, limited press questions events.

But there's always some announcement the press is informed of made at these events. Like the icing on the cake. In this case, the state has identified 10 ZIP codes in Yonkers, Mount Vernon and Spring Valley that have been hit the hardest, and are providing summer jobs for 253 youth aged 15 to 24 in those cluster zones - and 580 long-term jobs.

Do you find the announcement of summer jobs on July 21 for those 15-24, many who will return to high school or college in a month logical? As someone who has run summer job training programs in Yonkers and Westchester County while in college, I can tell you that it will take at least a week to find and process these youth. By the way, 253 jobs spread upon 3 communities is a drop in the bucket compared to the need.

My only hope is that these are existing jobs Yonkers gets from the State and Federal governments every year and fills when school lets out in June. At least the 15-24 year olds get 2 months of salary. 600 At risk youth ages 18-24 in Yonkers zip codes 10701, 10703, 10704, 10705 and 10710 as well as Mount Vernon zip codes 10550 and 10552 and Spring Valley will be eligible for full time jobs through state Work Force Development Boards. A drop in the bucket, but it's better than nothing.

But are you starting to see that maybe the initial tweet from Mayor Spano was right. Lt. Governor Hochul 'came to Yonkers with little to offer.' No money for additional police to protect our streets. No resolution to the crazy bail reforms signed by the Governor putting criminals back on Yonkers streets.

Hochul noted the state's approach to combating violence has three components. First is removing illegal guns. Sounds great, but How are they doing that? Gun buy back programs? No details. Second is providing support services for mental health and substance use. This at a time when, as was told to my friend seeking services for her covered child Governor Cuomo quietly reimposed \$25 copays for Telehealth

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Police Night Out in Yonkers-August 3

Each year the Yonkers Police Department sponsors "A Night Out" where members of the Yonkers Police Department treat the residents of the areas they serve to a picnic and an evening of socializing. This year the Annual Night Out will be on Tuesday August 3 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

The Fourth Police Precinct will hold its Annual Night Out at the JFK Marina. Spread the word, and bring your neighbors.

See flyer below for all Precinct locations and times.



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McLean Avenue east of Central Park Avenue

3RD PCT – SULLIVAN'S OVAL

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Bryant Road/Knollwood Road

4TH PCT – JFK MARINA

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Warburton Avenue/JFK Memorial Drive



MAYOR MIKE SPANO



Schumer to Cuomo -Distribute Rent Federal Rent Relief Now



COVID Rent Relief Program

August 31 Deadline for End of eviction protection looming

By Dan Murphy

New York State received \$2.4 Billion in rent relief for tenants and landlords as part of the Federal COVID relief program, under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. As of July 25, most of the funds have not been dispersed by New York State government, resulting in front page headlines and a call from New York US Senator, and the Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer to say "No More Delay."

More than 150,000 New Yorker tenants, and their landlords, have yet to receive any assistance. The funds were supposed to be released by the NY State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance, OTDA.

The program will cover up to 12 months of unpaid rent and utilities accrued since March 13, 2020, and "rent burdened" households — or those in which more than 30% of the household monthly income goes toward rent — can qualify for three additional months of future rent.

On July 25, Standing with tenants and tenant advocates, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer called on the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (ODTA) to move heaven and earth to get much-delayed federal rent relief into the pockets of people who need it before it's too late. Schumer made public a formal letter to the state agency and said the more than \$2 billion he secured for the state and tenants—as part of the larger COVID relief bill he pushed through the Senate—cannot be delayed any further and that the program being utilized by the State of New York to get the dollars out needs to be improved immediately to move even faster, especially as the State of New York's eviction moratorium deadline of August 31st and U.S. Treasury's mandated date for beginning to reallocate funds at the end of September approaches. As reflected in the data released by the Department of Treasury for the month of June, New York State was one of only two states that had given out \$0 in federal rent relief. Today, Schumer is demanding swift action to reverse this deeply concerning status report.

"Thousands and thousands of New York tenants could be deprived of critical rent relief checks if the state doesn't move more quickly on getting this money out," said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer "Today, I am formally

asking ODTA to move heaven and earth to fix the mess, pick up the pace and get this federal money out the door before it's too late for tenants and landlords. The message today is: tenant relief now. No more delay."

Schumer lamented with tenants and state lawmakers that only a pittance of the federal funds have gone out—in light of vast public pressure. He said it is good the State is finalizing its process for disbursing dollars and some funds are trickling out, but that we will need a waterfall of funds to avoid the looming deadlines, both related to evictions and Treasury mandates at the end of September.

"How it works with federal funds is that if you don't use them, you could potentially lose them, and that would be very bad," Schumer added. "New York already sends enough money to the feds. These dollars are meant for New Yorkers. That's why I fought so hard for them, and our tenants, in the first place."

"New York State tenants have been suffering since the beginning of this unprecedented pandemic with both an economic and health crisis. The over \$2 billion in rent relief that Senator Schumer obtained for tenants and landlords has the potential to be life saving for our clients. However, since the program opened, our clients are experiencing a challenging application process, glitchy website and opaque rules and procedures and almost no money has been paid out. We thank Senator Schumer for his leadership on this issue and call on the state to fix the problems and spend this money," said Judith Goldiner of the Legal Aid Society.

"If the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance doesn't figure out how to send money to New Yorkers in need soon, tens of thousands of our neighbors will be evicted. The Federal Government sent us this money for a reason, now we must get it to those who qualify. I'm greatly appreciative, as all New Yorkers should be, of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer for securing these funds in the first place, and for his efforts to unlock them to help our neighbors stay in their homes once eviction moratoriums are set to lapse at the end of August," said NYS Senator Brad Hoylman.

Schumer explained that these dollars were a hard fight at the federal level and that they were fought for so people who needed them could get the assistance they needed fast to avoid the threat of eviction or overwhelming debt piling up. Schumer said more than 100,000 New York City residents and about 1,000 on Long Island have already applied for these funds and need the dollars flowing and that further delay could cost New York. According to a survey of rent-regulated apartments by the Community Housing Improvement Program, NYC renters owe over a billion dollars in rent. New York lags far behind other states in delivering rent relief, with Texas already having distributed 388 million to 61,100 households, according to the Associated Press.

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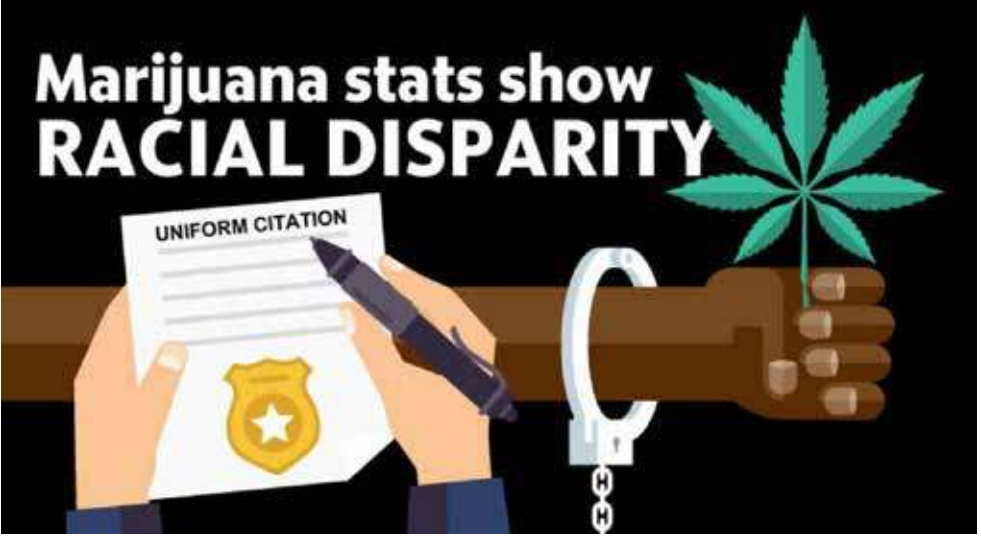
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DA Rocah Dismisses All Marijuana Possession Cases: Indicts Dobbs Ferry Cop Slasher for Att. Murder



By Dan Murphy

On July 26, Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah announced that the courts have granted her petition to dismiss all marijuana cases involving felony and misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession or sale.

"Dismissing all marijuana cases, including underlying bench warrants, has been a priority of mine, and the legislature's repeal of Article 221 was long overdue. The decriminalization of marijuana possession is critical given the discriminatory way marijuana laws have been used to incarcerate people of color." DA Rocah said. "While Black and white Americans used marijuana at similar rates, people of color are much more likely to be arrested than white Americans for marijuana possession. Our office is committed to reducing this disparity and the dismissal of these cases is an important step."

Despite roughly equal usage rates, Black people are 3.73 times more likely than white people to be arrested for marijuana. "The decriminalization of low-level marijuana related offenses will prevent people from getting unnecessarily involved with the criminal justice system," Rocah said. "Having to disclose an arrest and record can impact many facets of their life, including limiting employment and housing opportunities."

A total of 184 cases have been dismissed by the Westchester District Attorney's Office. Rocah's Office will not go forward with prosecuting future violations or misdemeanors. In local court, prosecutors will continue to identify warrants for standalone marijuana charges that would no longer be prosecutable and will calendar these cases, recall the warrants and dismiss the charges.

In another matter, a Dobbs Ferry man was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for the attempted murder of a police officer after stabbing the officer in the head with a knife, Westchester District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced. Matthew Burke stabbed the uniformed police officer in his head as he was directing traffic at a construction site in the area of 200 Beacon Hill Drive during an unprovoked incident on May 20, 2021. The defendant was apprehended within a few minutes by members of the Dobbs Ferry Police Department with assistance of utility and construction workers who witnessed the violent attack.

Burke was indicted on the following counts: Attempted Murder in the First Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Aggravated Assault Upon a Police Officer, Assault in the First Degree (two counts), and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree.

"This aggressive attack of a police officer is shocking and shows the danger these public servants face in the line of duty," DA Rocah said. "We are committed to ensuring justice for this officer and holding the attacker accountable for his actions."

Prior to the indictment, Burke was examined to see if he had the mental capacity to be charged with the crimes now filed against him. The identity of the police officer remains a mystery, and many residents in Greenburgh and the surrounding communities wish to offer him and his family support and best wishes. After being slashed, the officer told a Con Edison worker, "if I bleed out, make sure my wife and kids know that I love them,"

The 44-year-old sergeant has been with the department since 2008 and was promoted to sergeant in March. There has also been no motive, or reason for the attack, provided to the public.

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remove invasive species from the lake these past two years, but we still have more to go and thankful to have the help of our local high school and college students who want to make a difference in the community they live in."

Joe Vesey, SVP, Chief Marketing Officer of Xylem states: "Multi-year partnerships like this one are so essential to creating sustainable change -- working together across local government, companies, nonprofit organizations, and community members. It's great to have our colleagues and partners come together as engaged volunteers to solve water challenges in their own community, right here in Yonkers. It's the kind of thing we're so privileged to be a part of, around the world, working to make water more accessible, affordable, and to make our communities more resilient to climate change."

Tibbets Brook Park is critically important to the community in Yonkers, as one of the largest parks in New York State's fourth largest city. Additionally, parks and waterways serve an important role in urban areas to give residents access to needed green space. Westchester Parks Foundation's efforts at the lake will eventually bring this area back to regular use over the next decade.

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "The 161-acres of Tibbets Brook Park is one of our most popular parks, featuring trails, picnic areas and the pool. Thank you to the Westchester Parks Foundation for another year of work to keep the park's ecosystem healthy, making the park one of the most enjoyable places for residents."

The Foundation's mission is to engage the public to advocate for and invest in the preservation, conservation, use, and enjoyment of the 18,000 acres of parks, trails, and open spaces within the Westchester County Parks system. For more information about Westchester Parks Foundation, visit www.thewpf.org or follow them on Facebook.com/WestchesterParksFoundation and Instagram @thewpf.

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Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Welcomes New Westchester Walk Director



Esther McCarthy

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter is pleased to announce it has hired a walk director for the Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's. Esther McCarthy joined the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter in April. She has more than 20 years of experience in strategic planning, community engagement and volunteer management. Prior to joining the Hudson Valley Chapter, McCarthy was the associate director of community relations at Mercy College, where she strengthened relationships with community-based organizations, legislative offices and other key stakeholders to establish and maintain support for the college. Before that, she managed all aspects of a \$1 million Walk for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society as the Westchester senior campaign manager. "We're thrilled to have Esther as part of our team. She has a depth of experience that is truly an asset to our organization," said David Sobel, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. McCarthy said she is excited to work with the Hudson Valley team, as the chapter has assisted her mother, who has Alzheimer's disease, and her father, who is her mother's primary caregiver — for the past 10 years. "It is an honor to have joined the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. I am happy to be a part of this Association and proud of the work we do," McCarthy said. "It is especially meaningful to me, personally, as I have experienced the impact of the services the Alzheimer's Association has provided for my family. I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity and excited to be a part of such an important organization that is changing people's lives." During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter continued to offer its programs and services online and by phone. These include care consultations, where families affected by dementia can speak with a licensed social worker about helpful community resources as well as support groups where caregivers, family members, and people in the early stage of the disease can share their experiences with others who understand. The chapter also offers free educational and social webinars for the general public and families living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Some of these are gradually returning to an in-person format. For specific dates, times – and in some cases, locations — for support groups, educational and social webinars, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley or call the 24/7 hotline 800.272.3900 to register. Pre-recorded online educational programs are also available. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's has been among the top 30 highest fundraising walks in the country for the past five years. Last year, despite the pandemic, it continued this trend, raising more than \$430,000. The Hudson Valley Chapter serves families living with dementia in seven counties in New York, including Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley.

The Ultimate Smokers Warning

Is the Marlboro Man getting his walking papers? It seems that way, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], which reports that Philip Morris has announced that they'll stop selling cigarettes in the U.K. It won't happen for ten years, according to CEO Jacek Olczak who said it's part of Britain's effort to put an end to "traditional" cigarette smoking. Philip Morris brands have been available to smokers there for a hundred years. It marks the end of an era and yet another blow for smokers and cigarette producers. And, as one wag put it, Sir Walter Raleigh must be rolling over in his grave. You remember him. He's the guy who brought tobacco to England in the first place, in 1586, to be precise.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Margaret Foley, right, a prominent member of the Suffrage Movement, spoke before the Yonkers Suffrage Party in 1917

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History and President Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, August 2nd
 August 2, 1912: Thousands of people watched Yonkers firefighters battle a spectacular waterfront fire at the foot of Fernbrook Street in Ludlow between the Hudson River and the railroad tracks. The fire destroyed the Federal Cooperage Company plant and a Waring Hat Company's warehouse; damage was estimated to be \$100,000. The Hudson River Division of the New York Central Railroad was shut down for many hours, and the conflagration endangered the Volvoline Oil Company, the Pure Oil Company and the pleasure crafts at the Hudson Boat Club. Many people crossed the train tracks to get a closer view. A major hindrance to YFD's fighting efforts was the absence of half the department's staff; they were on a political outing and out of Yonkers.

August 2, 1941: St. John's Church, Getty Square, announced they were launching a project to restore St. John's Cemetery; the cemetery had been the resting place for Yonkers residents beginning in 1783; and had many Revolutionary War soldiers buried there.

Tuesday, August 3rd
 August 3, 1639: Three Weckquaskeck chiefs—Fecquemeck, Rechgawae, Packanniens, owners of "Keskeskiel," signed a contract with Secretary of New Netherlands Cornelis van Tienhoven. The Weckquaskecks conveyed the tract of land called "Nepperhaem," the site of present day Yonkers, to the West India Company. In the description, it spoke of the Mohegan village at the mouth of the Neeperah, or rapid waters, as well as other Indian villages along t his beautiful stream. Others were on the easter edge of Boar Hill and a Mohegan castle was on the steep side of Berrien's Neck or Nipnichsen. The castle was protected by a strong stockade from attacks from New Jersey tribes. Decedents of Chief Tackarew continued to live in Yonkers after the sale to the land to Van der Donck.

August 3, 1922: Several local civic groups praised Yonkers Health Commissioner, Dr. Clarence Buckmaster, for his efforts to rid our city of gypsy camps.

August 3, 1927: Civilian aviator William Mitchell of the Bronx made a forced landing at the Empire City Racetrack. Mitchell, who had run out of gas, damaged his landing gear but was not injured.

Wednesday, August 4th
 August 4, 1917: Prominent member of the Woman Suffrage movement Margaret Foley spoke in Yonkers at the invitation of our Yonkers Woman Suffrage Party. One of the few American-Irish Catholic suffragettes from Boston, she was known as the "Grand Heckler" because of her ability to confront anti-suffrage candidates at political rallies. Always stylishly dressed, she once made a solo balloon flight over the Boston area, throwing out suffrage literature from the basket.

August 4, 1935: To celebrate the 296th anniversary of the transfer of Yonkers or Nepperhaem from Native Americans to the Dutch, a huge teepee was pitched on the shores of the Hudson and descendants of the Native Americans reenacted those days.

Thursday, August 5th
 August 5, 1926: Alderman John Davis expressed strong opposition to a radio broadcasting station in Yonkers. He was "sure programs broadcast from nearby or distant cities would be 'blanketed.'" Davis was not alone in his opposition; Sixth Ward Alderman Edward Murray also opposed the venture.

August 5, 1946: Thousands of Yonkers residents listened to Councilman Edith Welty's interview on CBS national radio about our tercentennial celebrations. Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoo, widow of the former Yonkers resident, interviewed her in an informal chat about our "City of Gracious Living." A small group of city officials held a "listening party" at City Hall. City Manager Montgomery, Council Fiorillo, Comptroller Kennedy joined with Public Safety Commissioner O'Hara to listen to the interview.

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Notice of formation of SaucyGuava, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 332 Palisade Ave Apt C1, Yonkers, NY 10703-2918. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Joyful Ventures LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 06/07/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 145 Valentine Lane apt#4E, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SUHANA HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with the SSNY On 05/10/2021. Office location: Westcheter County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 27 Ravine Avenue, Apt. 2B, Yonkers NY 10701.Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Ludlow Street Bridge Rehabilitation
 Notice for Public Information Meeting

The City of Yonkers will be conducting a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday August 3, 2021, at 6:00 pm, for the Ludlow Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project, located over the Metro North Railroad Hudson River Line, in Yonkers, New York. This Public Information Meeting will be held remotely only, and accessible in the following ways:

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The Public Information Meeting is being conducted pursuant to Article 2 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law. The purpose of the Public Information Meeting is to introduce and explain the project scope and details, and to also provide the public with an opportunity to provide oral statements, as well as written documents, regarding the project. A designated time during the Public Information Meeting will be provided for the public to provide oral comments. Written statements, as well as other information concerning the project, will be accepted until August 13, 2021, and may be submitted by the public to the following address:

City of Yonkers Engineering Department
 40 South Broadway – City Hall – Room 315, Yonkers, New York 10701

Or on-line to: michael.lepre@yonkersny.gov

mental health programs for employees covered by the state insurance plan June 19. Even though Governor Cuomo says the state has reopened, most mental health professionals still see clients via Telehealth. And the federal COVID emergency ends in October.

The last part of the approach is providing opportunities for people to choose a nonviolent path. When I hear generic phrases like that without specifics, all it does is lead me to believe that Spano is right.

I’ve had my disagreements with Mayor Mike, particularly over the middle of the night extension of term limits when he pledged to me he would never do it, didn’t want it, and clearly said at a public event it was not on his agenda. I’ve known Mike a long time. He complimented me one time and said, ‘Eric, you know where all the bodies are buried in Yonkers!’

Mayor Spano. Don’t delete your tweets. Say what’s on your mind. Because if you don’t, the situation regarding gun violence is only going to get worse. You were right. The Lt. Governor came to Yonkers with little to offer. She and her boss have got to deliver more. Soon!

R.I.P. Jackie Mason

As a kid who grew up vacationing in the wonderful hotels of the Catskill Mountains, I was exposed at an early age to the humor of great comedians like Joan Rivers, David Brenner, Sal Richards, Alan King, Jan Murray, Red Buttons, Don Rickles and of course Jackie Mason.

Their humor was not for everyone. Some nights they would be totally on point, and some nights they were a bit off key. But there were many more nights that they were on point than off key. And my parents, my sister and I looked forward every summer to being entertained. Yes, sometimes the jokes were the same, but most often the comedians presented new, hilarious material. After the all you can eat Catskill hotel dinners, they truly provided belly laughs.

The Catskills hotels slowly shuttered, air fare got cheap, and South Florida called. Many of these comedians would travel in the winter to the sunshine of Florida. If you hit your dates correctly you could catch up with them. Nostalgic visits.

I remember staying at a hotel where the great Jackie Mason was performing. Mom was with me, visiting her friends in Florida while I did my thing. One night we went to see Jackie Mason perform. The venue had seen its days, the orchestra played for the musical guest who came on before Mason and for your dancing pleasure. The showroom was packed. I was a little older and my appreciation of the humor of Jackie Mason grew stronger.

Jackie would perform on Broadway and I would try to catch him as often as I could. One night I was standing in line waiting to get in behind the great William O’SHAUGHNESSY. This was long before I became a host on his wonderful radio station. I greeted him, told him I was from Westchester and familiar with his stations. He gave me that unique glowing smile.

That night, a little known Senator from Peekskill and his wife were in the audience. My friend and I went to say hello. We chatted with him and his wife Libby, and since Broadway was a long way from Peekskill she was happy to chat with us as she new few in the audience.

Mason introduced Pataki from the stage. He didn’t get the greatest reception as no one knew him and folks liked Mario Cuomo. Well, as they say the rest is history.

I would in later years run into Jackie eating matzah ball soup and thick brisket sandwiches at the now shuttered Edison Cafe on 47th Street. If you said hello to him he would warmly greet you, often with a joke. And of course a smile. He will be missed!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday’s from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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Rent relief, continued from pg 4-

Nearly half of Americans either missed at least one rent or mortgage payment in 2020 during the pandemic. That amounts to nearly \$6,000 in back rent for the average household, according to the Urban Institute. Schumer, today, said New York must immediately fix this issue so that people with rent and utility bills that piled up amid the worst of COVID can make back payments and get back on their feet with landlords and their lives.

The New York State Association of REALTORS, 64,000 members, called on Governor Andrew Cuomo to direct all resources necessary to the State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance so that the disgraceful delay in sending aid to renters and landlords can end immediately. Based on reported comments from OTDA, no funds are likely to be expended for another two weeks, making the total delay almost two months. Families and small businesses need this aid and state government inaction is the only thing standing in the way.

The state Legislature extended the eviction moratorium to Aug. 31. The State OTDA is hoping to get checks out for the first 100,000 applicants by early August.

Editor’s Note: Since our original story on this matter, which we posted online at YonkersTimes.com on July 25, there has been a public outcry at New York State government to release the federal funds for rent relief, including front page stories in the New York City daily papers, resulting in Governor Cuomo announcing that extra staff have been hired to expedite payments.

The question for many New Yorkers that remains is, why can’t our state government work without being shamed into doing so?

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Trump Returns to Westchester for NY GOP Fundraiser August 5

By Dan Murphy

New York State Republican Party Chairman Nick Langworthy announced through an email invitation to NYGOP leaders and contributors that former President Donald Trump will headline a fundraiser on August 5 in Westchester County. The exact location of the event has not been revealed, but it is widely believed that it will be held at the Trump National Golf Club, in the village.

Tickets start at \$1,000 per person, and \$5,000 per couple, which includes a photo with Trump. A separate reception and roundtable costs \$25,000 per couple. All money raised will go to the NYGOP and not to any Trump political campaign account or PAC. The former President is said to be considering another run for President in 2024.

“No matter where his official residence is, he’ll always be a New Yorker,” said GOP Chairman Langworthy, who recently met with Trump at Trump Tower. “As the Republican Party of New York, we are committed to providing the ideas and leadership necessary to ensure that government works for the people. Our heritage is rooted in the philosophy that all people are created equal with the inalienable rights to life, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. We believe it is the people, not the government who are the best stewards of our exceptional nation and state, The NYGOP’s mission is to fight for the policies, candidates, and elected leaders who are committed to these values and creating a strong and bright future for the Empire State.”

The August 5 event will feature an interesting dynamic for Republicans in Westchester and in New York State. In the past, democrats have used pictures with several republican candidates for office with Trump as negative mailing pieces to both divide support between supporters of Trump and ‘never Trump’ republicans. State Senator Peter Harckham used a photo of former State Senator Terrence Murphy with Trump, as did County Executive George Latimer against former County Executive Rob Astorino.

The three prominent republican candidates for Governor in 2022, Astorino, Congressman Lee Zeldin and Andrew Guiliani, are all expected to attend this event. Zeldin, who won a recent NY GOP straw poll, becoming the party’s preferred candidate to challenge Governor Andrew Cuomo or another democratic nominee, has attempted to distance himself from Trump recently.

In 2020, Zeldin was a vocal supporter of Trump during his impeachment trial and also voted against certifying the presidential election. But Zeldin and his campaign team realize that Trump is one of the more toxic republican names in New York State, turning democrats out to vote against him and fellow republicans, and pushing independents and moderate republicans away from the state GOP.

Astorino also realizes the Trump effect in New York; it cost him many votes in his loss for County Executive in 2017 against Latimer, and in his recent narrow loss for State Senate against Harckham.

Andrew Guiliani, son of former NYC Mayor Rudy Guiliani, has embraced the former President and would love his endorsement for Governor, if it ever came. Andrew Guiliani was recently seen playing golf with Trump at his Bedminster, NJ course.

“I love President Trump. He is a good friend of mine, and I will never run away from that. One thing that New Yorkers will learn about me is I’m genuine and I’m not going to say something just to get elected, or just to get votes. I want to help New York and that’s the reason why I’m doing this. I will continue to seek President Trump’s counsel, both personally and professionally. I always consider him to be like an uncle to me,” Guiliani told Spectrum News.

Two other republican long shots for Governor, Lewis County Sheriff Michael Carpinelli; and Derrick Gibson, are also expected to attend.

Many democrats are welcoming Trump back to Westchester, because politically he hurts republican candidates as much as he helps others.

“New Yorkers are far too smart to be impressed by the NY GOP’s pandering of a failed president who will go down in history as among the nation’s worst,” said NY Democratic Chairman Jay Jacobs, adding that embracing Trump “defies all decency.”

The former President’s social media manager in The White House and currently is Dan Scavino who worked at Trump National and met the President on the golf course.

In addition to Trump National, the former President also owns Seven Springs, a massive, 230-acre estate that spans across the Towns of Bedford, New Castle and North Castle. Trump has owned the property for almost 20 years, and his attempts to turn it into a country club have failed. Eric Trump has lived at Seven Spring’s with his family and has been seen around Westchester.

Go Fund Me for Drunk Driver Crash, continued from pg 1-

8-month-old infant daughter; their identities will not be released at this time. The mother sustained a serious femur fracture and the infant sustained a skull fracture along with 3rd degree burns to her back and foot. Both the mother and the infant were transported to a local trauma center where they are still being treated but are expected to survive their injuries. The owner of the barber shop sustained a minor laceration. No other injuries were reported.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit, as well as Officers from the Accident Investigation Unit were called to the scene to investigate. The operator of the vehicle was detained at scene, as was a female passenger found to be in the vehicle. Neither sustained any reported injuries.

The investigation ultimately yielded that the operator had a suspended license; the vehicle he was operating was properly registered to a Yonkers resident. Investigators further found an alcoholic beverage in the vehicle. Due to the nature of the incident, a test was conducted to determine the alcohol/drug content of the vehicle operator’s blood.

The operator was identified as DAVID PONCURAK, a 43-year-old resident of Yonkers. After a lengthy investigation, PONCURAK was placed under arrest and charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Vehicular Assault 2nd, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd. He is being held overnight in the Yonkers City Jail awaiting arraignment tomorrow morning.

Police Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, “It is always a tragedy when someone is injured by the reckless and criminal acts of another person, and that is only amplified when those injured include an infant. Luckily, two veteran officers of Yonkers’ Finest just happened to be getting breakfast next door and quickly took action along with members of the community to rescue a child trapped under the vehicle and render aid to her mother. The actions taken are nothing short of heroic. The individual arrested in this incident will now have to face the consequences of his alleged behavior.”

The GoFundMe fundraiser launched to help support the mother, Mirna, and her baby girl. The GoFundMe organizer recently posted an update stating that Mirna is recovering really well and “feels so thankful that everyone is showing support.” Per the fundraiser, Mirna’s baby girl will need surgery for her injuries. The GoFundMe page was created by Mirna’s church, and her friends.

To view the GoFundMe, please visit: <https://gf.me/v/c/55h2/help-mirna-with-medical-expenses>.

Bowman Visits HRM Junior Docents, continued from pg 1-

The Junior Docent Program is a nationally-recognized model for teen programming. Junior Docents are required to work one weekend per month. They lead gallery tours; science, technology, engineering and math demonstrations; Family Studio workshops; and other hands-on activities that enhance the visitor experience. They also create tours and programs for themselves and their peers and mentor younger docents. After completing one full year of the Program, following staff evaluation, participants qualify to be paid for their work. Finally, Junior Docents who are seniors in high school may be elected to an Advisory Board that meets monthly to shape the future of the Program.

Junior Docents are students from the seven Yonkers public high schools, representing culturally, economically, and socially diverse communities of the City of Yonkers. Many Junior Docents are first generation or recent immigrants to the United States; currently, the students in the Program speak seven different languages. They have an array of interests, including science, fashion, art, dance, history, business, and medicine.

Congratulations to this class of 2021 JD for making it through a year of COVID. Congratulations and best wished on your future endeavors. And pay a visit to the Hudson River Museum this summer, there’s a lot going on. Visit HRM.org for info.

COVID Vaccine Has Its Benefits

Gary Smith of Arlington, TX got an unexpected bonus when he got himself vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Not only did he get increased immunity to the disease, he also got a free lottery ticket as part of an incentive to convince more people to get their shots.

Perhaps the fact that his scratch-off ticket made him an instant millionaire will further incentivize people to get “vaxxed,” as they say. In any event his million dollar payoff will come in handy; he’s getting married and he says it will go a long way toward having “the wedding and honeymoon of my dreams with my future wife.

Tastes better than it sounds

Who would have thought that a serving of Macaroni and Cheese could be so refreshing on a hot summer day? The Association of Mature Citizens [AMAC] reports that the Brooklyn-based Van Leeuwen Ice Cream Company churned up a batch of Mac and Cheese flavored ice cream and it did the trick and got an “overwhelming response.” The folks at Van Leeuwen boasted of its success on social media saying they were sold out in quick time.

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Jim Marshall from Yonkers also wrote to us, “I understand why the Mayor deleted his tweet about the Lt. Governor coming with funds for summer jobs. But he got the message out to a lot of us who, like him, are frustrated with the guns and the gangs and the violence in Yonkers every summer. Handing out money for summer jobs in a State of Emergency is like bringing a cup of water to a house of fire. More is needed!”

Mayor Spano later deleted the tweet, but the message was clear: The people of Yonkers are looking for help to deal with the ever-escalating problem of gun violence.

The next day Lt. Governor Hochul visited the Riverfront Library on July 22 for a roundtable discussion about gun violence that included over 30 stakeholders, including Councilmembers Tasha Diaz and John Rubbo, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh and Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard. Mayor Spano also did attend but his Tweet the day before made the interaction between Spano and Hochul uncomfortable.

“What we need to do, and the governor mentioned that, is treat this like our response to the pandemic with intensity, with strong sense of purpose. We believe if we have a targeted approach to let them know there are jobs available or healthy summer recreation sporting activities to give them an alternative to the streets and give them an alternative to violence,” says Hochul. Yonkers will receive \$1.1 Million to provide summer jobs for young adults in zip codes 10701, 10703, 10704, 10705 and 10710.

Yonkers Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, echoing some of Mayor Spano’s concerns said, “The lieutenant governor has assured us that we will come back and meet here at another roundtable to make sure the initiative that we are putting into place is going to be effective.”

Mayor Spano’s Communications Director Christina Gilmartin also effectively made the case. “The rise in gun violence has been a concern of ours for over a year. Yonkers is on the front lines and looks for immediate resources to tackle the problem. The City has been reassured by the State that it will work collaboratively with us to combat the violence that is plaguing urban centers throughout New York.”

Yes, summer jobs are helpful, and people like Dr. Jim Bostic can use that funding to help make a difference in the lives of some young adults. But the message that Mayor Spano sent the Lt. Gov. and the Governor, even if they didn’t want to hear it, was we need real help and what you are bringing to the table won’t help enough.

Other issues like the recently passed criminal justice reforms, including bail reform that releases those charged with many offenses back on the streets, is an underlying concern for many Mayors in New York State facing a summer of guns and violence.

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Friday August 6th

August 6, 1946: Rabbi Aaron Kahan, former spiritual leader of Lincoln Park Jewish Center, returned from service as an Army chaplain, and shared two stories from the war. The Nazis posted notices around a Polish city announcing the resumption of services in the synagogue. Instead of being allowed into Temple, however, the people were herded into a truck and never seen again. One elderly man, however, ignored the soldiers’ commands and strode past them into the synagogue. Although all alone, he prayed and read the Torah; when he finished, he carried the Torah in his arms, daring the Nazis to take him. They did not go near him, and he disappeared into the crowd. A second story told of the reopening of services for Jewish soldiers in Mullech, Germany. After the announcement, a German man went to the US Army camp and asked to see the Chaplain. This man, although not Jewish, had taken and hidden Torahs and prayer shawls in his warehouse for his friends and neighbors, and presented them to the chaplain in time for that night’s service!

Saturday, August 7th

August 7, 1916: The longest trolley strike in Yonkers history ended when union and company officials reached an agreement 17 days after conductors and motormen drove their cars into the barn. The agreement required both sides to meet not later than August 20th to discuss wage and working conditions, and specified employees had the right to organize and bargain collectively.

August 7, 1926: A bond was cemented between boys at Leake & Watts and members of the Yonkers Chapter, Order of De Molay, when members of the Yonkers De Molay Chapter were guests at the Leake and Watts Camp at Tivoli. De Molay is an international fraternal organization for boys aged 12 through 21 whose goal is to develop young men into better leaders.

Sunday August 8th

August 8, 1924: Members of the Yonkers Yacht Club created a “river patrol” to guard our waterfront. After the Yonkers Police Department stopped patrolling the waterfront, equipment and several boats had been stolen from the club.

August 8, 1931: Thelma Shiller emerged as the champion swimmer at the Camp Yonkers Swim meet, sweeping the 4-stroke medley, novelty pajama race, “tired swimmer carry race,” and the 50-yard freestyle race..

August 8, 1945: The Securities and Exchange Commission released a report listing the salary of Frederick Klein, President of Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company, as \$82,750. The median annual salary for American workers that year was \$2595.

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A Diverse Workforce for a Diverse County



After graduating from law school, Leandra Eustache landed a job as a junior prosecutor at the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission. She immediately began charting a path toward the career goal she had set for herself: a position in executive leadership.

“I hit the ground running and I took on roles of leadership pretty quickly,” she said. “I was able to move up the ranks and before I left I was managing the entire prosecution division.”

In 2019, Eustache found a new home for her talents and leadership skills, being appointed to head the Westchester County Taxi & Limousine Commission. These days, she is known by these titles: Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer.

“As chief executive officer, I oversee the operations of the office on a day-to-day basis. Our office licenses and regulates all of the for-hire vehicles in Westchester County. What makes me very passionate about the work that I do is that it has a very large impact on public safety. The drivers and vehicles that we license are

transporting passengers every day” she said.

In the County government, she said, she has found a supportive community of other women leaders, including working moms like herself.

“I know the struggles and challenges faced by women in the workforce. I do have an 8-year-old at home, in the third-grade, and school is completely remote. It can feel as though I’ve run a marathon by 8 a.m. each morning.” Eustache is also proud to be a role model for others who aspire to hold leadership positions one day.

“I grew up in a very disadvantaged socio-economic neighborhood,” said Eustache. “Growing up in that type of environment – obtaining positions of leadership doesn’t always seem possible. Being in such an important role is an example for young people of color who don’t think it’s possible they can succeed. I think it gives children of color hope.”

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